Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write to urge you to take executive action that would address both the increased number of newcomer migrants to sanctuary cities like Chicago as well as ongoing <u>labor shortages</u> that employers across multiple industries are facing. Your Administration has <u>created</u> an abundance of workforce opportunities across the country, and we believe you have an opportunity to extend this success by issuing expedited work permits to both new arrivals and the approximately 11 million undocumented immigrants who are embedded community members across the nation. We can keep families and communities together by issuing parole and expedited work permits for newcomers and the broader undocumented immigrant community while creating a pathway to financial independence and responding to continuing labor shortages nationwide.

We strongly support the creation of a parole program that allows <u>states</u> needing workers to sponsor new migrants and long-term undocumented immigrants. This will help alleviate much of the <u>suffering</u> in our country while helping prevent the <u>exploitation</u> of migrant workers by providing them with baseline workforce protection and better wages. This program could be tailored specifically for those who can fill positions facing a labor shortage and increase economic growth and opportunity for individuals living in affected areas.

Sincerely,

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